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File No. 295-19

Serial Nos. 1-3.

GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Serial Nos. 1, 2 and 3

Part B for July 1919.

SUBJECT.

A meeting to discuss and settle the various questions connected with the Statue of King Edward VII.

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ROUTINE NOTES.

[To be used only for notes, requisitions, etc., not intended for permanent record.]

Letter from Rich's re
King Edwards' Statue is
resubmitted.
I am taking action
re file.

Dewan). CSX 31/7

A copy of the letter has been received stating that the matter is receiving my attention by the Govt. Solicitor. The Govt. would wish to consult with the Chief Commissioner. I shall keep the papers until the opinion has been received.

31/7/19

Ch. Secy -
Draft letter to Messrs Rich
Resubmitted.

Dewan) CSX 31/7/19

Approved

31.7.19

Letter has been issued and the papers are resubmitted to Chief Secretary.

CRS 31/7

N.B.—Should routine notes be written on small slips, the notes must be copied or slips pasted on this form.

CB.295-19-1

No.5891. The Residency,
Bangalore.
29th July 1919.

Dear Mr. Kantaraj Urs,

I am writing for your kind advice and help in regard to the Statue of King Edward, the pedestal for which has been placed at the corner of the Cubbon Park close to the wall of the new Telegraph Office.

My own connection with the case is this. Shortly after I arrived here as Resident, Sir M. Visvesvaraya, approached me and said that the statue had arrived, the pedestal had been prepared, but that matters were hung up as Sir Hugh Daly had been doubtful as to whether the site was suitable in view, apparently, of the proximity of the Telegraph Office wall. In the course of our talk the then Dewan told me that just before he left, Sir Hugh Daly, without coming to any definite decision, had expressed the opinion that he had changed his mind again and was on the whole in favour of the site originally fixed. Sir M. Visvesvaraya and I then personally inspected the existing site as well as other possible sites and came to the conclusion that it would be best to adhere to the site in the Cubbon Park, where the pedestal now is, provided that the Telegraph Office wall was thrown back so as to leave a reasonable distance between it and the Statue. Action was taken accordingly and the wall was removed and rebuilt.

Since then nothing more has been done as we were hoping that His Excellency the Viceroy would be paying a visit to Bangalore, and would kindly consent to unveil the Statue. Owing to the war, however, His Excellency has not hitherto found it possible to come here, though as you know, he hopes now to visit Bangalore at the end of November. When he comes, and should he be kind enough to consent to perform the ceremony, the Statue might be publicly unveiled by His Excellency during his stay here,

Before, however, I approached him definitely with this

suggestion there are some points connected with the matter which need clearing up. The records in my office are very fragmentary, but so far as I can make out from them about Rs.15,000 were subscribed by the general public for the Statue, the subscriptions coming, I believe, both from residents in the City and from residents in the Civil and Military Station. However this may be - and as no list of the subscriptions is to be found in my files I can speak with no certainty - it is clear that the Durbar generously gave a sum of Rs.10,000 towards the statue. It follows from this that, though the site of the pedestal, lies - so Mr. Tasker tells me - within the limits of the Civil and Military Station, the Mysore Durbar have throughout taken an active interest in the matter and it is due to their friendly collaboration and help that metters have reached this present stage.

The following questions seem, therefore, to call for decision at a very early date, namely:--

(1) Should His Excellency the Viceroy be invited to perform the unveiling ceremony?

(2) What form should the ceremony take e.g. should an address be presented, and, if so, by whom?

(3) Who should be responsible for placing the Statue in its position, for preparing the ground for the unveiling, and for arranging all the many details arising out of the ceremony?

(4) What arrangements will be the most suitable for the custody of the Statue when erected and the upkeep of the ground immediately around it?

My files show that on the 2nd September 1912 an Executive Committee was appointed to deal with all matters relating to the Statue. It consisted of the Resident, as President, the Dewan of Mysore, Dewan Bahadur B.P.Annaswami Mudaliar C.I.E., and the late Dr. Achuta Rao, with Mr. Warbuton, First Assistant Resident, as Honorary Secretary. At the present time a sum of Rs.2,769-6-2 lies to the credit of the statue fund in the name of the First Assistant

Resident. With these facts before us I am inclined to think that the best course to adopt will be for us to have a meeting at the Residency to discuss and settle the various questions referred to above, and I would suggest that you, I, Major Plowden, Mr. Annaswamy Mudaliar C.I.E., as representing the old Executive Committee should attend and that we should invite also Mr. Tasker I.C.S. and Mr. K.P. Puttanna Chetty C.I.E. to be present on behalf of the two Municipalities concerned. You would perhaps like to bring also one of your Engineers with you as professional questions may arise.

If you approve of this proposal, I would suggest some date between August the 4th and 8th at 12 noon at the Residency for our meeting as best suits your convenience. I should add that my papers show that the statue itself is now apparently in the custody of the Durbar's Public Works Department.

(Sd.) H. V. Cobb

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Bangalore
31st July 1919.

(Draft.)

My dear Mr. Cadambi,

Will you kindly send for the perusal of the Dewan the file of papers, if any relating to the Statue of King Edward VII. I believe there are some papers on the subject in the Public Works Department and the statue itself is in your charge. A note giving the present stage of the matter and the points requiring decision in connection with setting up the statue and unveiling it may kindly be put up.

The Dewan will be glad if he can have the papers before Saturday.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) C.S.Balasundaram Iyer

For Connected Correspondence vide P.W. Secretariat files

1/14. Laying out roads & gardens between the Statues of Queen Victoria & King Edward.

1021/B Part II. Shifting the pedestal of the Statue of King Edward & the Compound wall of the Telegraph office

1021/B. Part I. King Edward's Statue (Main position).

& G.R.S. files -

G.M. 181 of 1914 (Files papers from Month Nov 1914) Sh 1-4.

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Issued 31.7.19

(Draft)

Bangalore.

Dated the 31st July 1919.

Dear Mr. Cobb

I am in receipt of your letter of the 29th July regarding the Statue of King Edward. I am looking into the papers on the subject here.

I agree with your suggestion that it is desirable to have a meeting to discuss and settle the various questions connected with this matter and the 8th of August will suit me, if it will suit your convenience also.

I presume you will invite Mr. K.P Puttanna Chetty to attend the meeting.

Yours sincerely,

31.7.19

The Hon'ble Mr. H.V. Cobb, M.A., C.S.I., C.I.E.,

Resident in Mysore,

Bangalore.